

### Dates to remember>>>

**FEB 7:** Patti's group visits Manor, 9:10-11 a.m.  
**FEB 8:** Chinese New Year celebration  
**FEB 11:** School House Symphony  
**FEB 14:** Valentines Day celebration  
**FEB 18:** No School  
**FEB 24:** VMM OPEN HOUSE 1-3 p.m.  
**FEB 25-28:** Montessori Education Week/parents of 2<sup>nd</sup> year students visit



## FEBRUARY 2019

*"We found individual activity is the one factor that stimulates and produces development."*

*– Maria Montessori*



### CURRICULUM >>>

#### Themes:

Birds, Love, Friendship,  
Valentine's Day,  
Groundhog Day, Pennies  
for the People,  
President's Day

#### Cultural:

Asia and Chinese New  
Year

#### Science:

Animal tracks,  
transparent, translucent  
and opaque  
classification, shiny  
penny and the fizz fizz  
experiment

### Messages...

**Pennies for the People:** Every year we collect pennies and loose change to help those in need. This collection will be for the entire month of February. Children can do chores to earn money. It is a valuable lesson in giving and generosity. The children will choose a beneficiary of the money after it is counted by the children!

**Chinese New Year:** It's the year of the boar! Children are busy cleaning and decorating the classroom for the celebration. The kindergartners are making the lion head for the lion dance which they will perform. Please have your child wear **RED** on Friday, Feb. 8. We need volunteers to make fried rice and buy fortune cookies. Call the office to help.

**Valentine's Day:** The children will celebrate Valentine's Day on Thursday, Feb. 14. Have your child bring signed Valentine cards for their class (Stacey/Soo/Patti's side has 27 children and Molly/Gail's side has 23). Do not address them with names. *Please bring in a decorated box with your child's name on it by Feb. 11* to collect the valentines. A special treat will be provided by the Cunningham family...it is Caty's birthday!

#### Additional messages:

Montessori Education Week is **Feb. 25-28**. **Parents of second year students can come visit the classroom** and spend an hour with their child during the morning work time. Call the office to sign up.

Our annual **OPEN HOUSE is 1-3 p.m. Feb. 24**. Please spread the word and invite prospective families.

**Pajama Day at school is Friday, March 1!** Everyone come to school in jammies! Please have your child bring in a mug with his/her name on it. We will have hot chocolate and a fun activity.

Optional **Spring Conferences are March 7**. The deadline to sign up is Friday, **Feb. 22**. Reminder: All children are dismissed at 11:50 on March 7, **no After School Care**. Conferences begin at 1:00 Please call the office to schedule. **Conferences are for adults only.**

May peace prevail, The Montessori staff